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## SEQUENCE LISTING

## SEQ ID NO:1 (repA amino acid sequence)

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# SEQ ID NO:2 (repA nucleic acid sequence)

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SEQ ID NO:3 (a 22 base pair iteron sequence within the origin of replication of

**TCAACTTTAACAGGACAAATTT** 

plasmid pFN1)

SEQ ID NO:4 (six copies of the iteron within the origin of replication of plasmid pFN1)

TCAACTTTAACAGGACAAATTTTCAACTTTAACAGGACAAATTT
TCAACTTTAACAGGACAAATTTTCAACTTTAACAGGACAAATTT
TCAACTTTAACAGGACAAATTTTCAACTTTAACAGGACAAATTT

SEQ ID NO:5 (the RepA homolog nucleotide sequence of plasmid pAD52)

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### SEQ ID NO:6 (the entire sequence of the plasmid pFN1)

TTAATTTTCTTCGGTACTTATAGGGGGATGACCCCTATAACCCCTGCGAGTTGATTTTATAAAATTCTTGCAGGGACAG

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  CAATATAGACACCATATTCAATCTTTTAAACCTGGTGAAGTAGATGAAGAAACAGCACATAAAATGGCAGTAGAATTTG
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- 40 ATAAAATGGAGCTGGCAAAAGATATAAAAAGAGCTTCCAAGAATTGTAAATCAAAAGAAGATTTTATAAAAGCATTAGA
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  GAAAAAGGTGTTATTGTGGATTGGGAAGACCATAAAAAAACATATAACTTTTAAATTTAAAGATGAGAAAAAGAAATCAAT



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#### 10 **SEQ ID NO:7** (A primer sequence)

5'-CCTGG TGAAGTAGATGAAG-3'

#### SEQ ID NO:8 (A primer sequence)

5'-TTAGTTTTAGCAATGGAAG-3'

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## SEQ ID NO:9 (A primer sequence)

5'-ATGCTGGAGTGTGATATG-3'

### SEQ ID NO:10 (A primer sequence)

5'-GTTGATTTTCCACTTTCGG-3'

### SEQ ID NO:11 (an example of an imperfect repeat as an iteron)

TAAACTTTAACAGGACAAATTT

## 25 SEQ ID NO:12 (an example of an imperfect repeat as an iteron)

TCAACTTTAACAGGACCAATTT

# SEQ ID NO:13 (an example of an imperfect repeat as an iteron)

**TCAACTTTATCAGGACAAATTT** 

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#### SEO ID NO:14 (a partial nucleotide sequence of plasmid pFN3)

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5 TGTTTTAAATTTATTTTTAAATATACTTGCTATNTCGCCGNAATTGGGCTGCTTCNATNCTGCTGCTTTTTNCCNAGA AATTCCTATNATTTTTCCTCTTAACCCACTTTTAAATTAANNTCNTNCCTTTTCCNTTNTTTCCCTNTTGN

# SEQ ID NO:15 (the entire sequence of the plasmid pHS17)

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- 45 AACTTTAAAGAGAGTGATAATAATGATTAAATTTACATTAAGATTAATAATAATGATTAAATTTACATTAAGATTAACGG
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SEQ ID NO:16 (A forward primer to amplify repA gene sequence)

5'-GAC ATT AAG TGA AAA AG-3'

10 SEQ ID NO:17 (A reverse primer to amplify a repA gene)

5'-ATG CTG GAG TGT GAT ATG-3'

SEQ ID NO:18 (A forward primer to amplify the origin of replication including the AT-rich region, the iteron repeat sequences and the putative DnaA binding sites)

5'-ACG GAT ACT TTG TTG CT-3'

SEQ ID NO:19 (A reverse primer to amplify the origin of replication including the AT-rich region, the iteron repeat sequences and the putative DnaA binding sites

5'-TAT CCT TTA CAT TTA-3'

SEQ ID NO:20 (A forward primer to amplify the origin of replication and repA sequences combined)

5'-ACG GAT ACT TTG TTG CT-3'

SEQ ID NO:21 (A reverse primer to amplify the origin of replication and repA sequences combined)

5'-ATG CTG GAG TGT GAT ATG-3'